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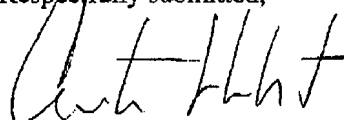
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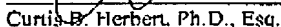
In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.191, Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the Office Action (Paper No. PTOL-90A) mailed February 12, 2007, finally rejecting claims 1-8, 11-31, 34-57 and 59-69 in the above-identified patent application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3863 in the amount of \$500.00 to cover the official fee for a large entity.

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